

EL: 2026 Rule of Law Report - country visit- meeting invitation

Interview 3/3/2026

Questions

1. The Commission has been made aware of some challenges with regards to ensuring sufficient human resources for the NCRTV. Have all open positions in the NCRTV been filled as of March 2026? What roles within the NCRTV do these positions relate to and do they address said challenges?

During 2025, 7 new employees joined the NRA (2 legal experts, 3 public servants (with University Education in the Field of Communication and Public Relations) and another 4 with different backgrounds (from the broad area of economics).

The NCRTV has 7 vacancies (4 experts: 3 lawyers and 1 economist, and 3 civil employees of lower level) which are not expected to be filled within 2026.

A draft law for the licensing of free to air regional AVMS providers – recently sent to NCRTV – provides for additional human resources as well as for the establishment of a legal department. The latter is envisaged to be composed by 4 legal advisors one to be the head and 3 others, one for each of the existing departments of NCRTV (Dpt of LEGALITY AND LICENSING, TRANSPARENCY, QUALITY OF PROGRAMMES and ADMINISTRATION) and 8 lawyers. It is provided for the legal advisors to be employed with a decision of the President, while the rest of the lawyers, shall be employed via the procedure provided for in art. 43 of the Lawyers Code of Conduct (law 4194/2013). The draft law provides for the employment of 30 more employees (10 employees with a degree in communication and public relations, 5 of technical education in the field of Administration and Finance, 2 of technical education in the field of computer science, and 13 experts in fields to be defined by the NRA. All these shall be employed according to the provisions of art. 7 of 4765/2021, via a process that shall be conducted by the Supreme Council for Civil Personnel Selection (that is the independent authority responsible for securing the implementation of the provisions on public sector staff recruitment).

2. We understand that NRCTV is in the process of implementing some internal reorganisation measures. Could you provide some additional information on the changes envisaged and their expected impact on NRCTV's work?

A Committee has been formed, in 2024, to work on this project with the aim to onboard new competences under law 4779/2021 transposing the AVMSD and Law 5099/2024, implementing the DSA [as well as under the recent law 5253/2025, partially implementing the EMFA and the forthcoming PD, implementing the TTPA].

The Committee also proposed for the creation of new departments responsible for EU and International issues, MIL, public relations, regulatory and strategic planning.

The draft, presented to the President in December last year, has however undergone significant changes to reinforce the administrative structure of the NRA (by creating two directorates instead of one, limiting the number of other suggested directorates from 4 to 3).

3. As of July 2025, have any developments taken place that impact the status of independence of NCRTV or bring additional challenges to its operation?

The most important issue is the difficulties encountered to intergrade the new competences into our everyday work as the focus is still on traditional media and existing / old competences, related to free to air AVMS and providers and radio services.

The supervision of digital platforms and digital audiovisual media services requires a different regulatory approach and cooperation with other authorities and bodies to be effective. This is something that should have been picked up in the Authority.

4. In the 2025 Report, we referred to the applications for annulment before the Council of State against fines imposed by the NCRTV. The main ground for annulment concerned the composition of the NCRTV. Has there been any development in this respect?

No decision has been issued yet on this issue.

5. Can you provide us with some data regarding the evolution of the number of decisions and/or sanctions imposed by NCRTV on radio or TV stations in recent years? Are there any particularly relevant decisions taken since the publication of the last Report that you would like to highlight?

There were 270 decisions issued during 2022, 190 during 2023, 231 during 2024, 310 during 2025 mainly concerning traditional media. However, some

decisions issued during 2025 concerned AVMS providers that offer their programmes via the internet.

6. What are your views on the envisaged draft laws regulating the licensing of local television and radio broadcasts, in particular the powers envisaged there for NCRTV?

According to the draft law for the licensing of free to air regional AVMS providers, the licenses shall be issued by NCRTV. However, the NRA is not consulted on the number of licenses to be given in each region (art. 5 (2) of the draft). The NRA will submit its comments on the latest version of the draft.

7. Additional information concerning recent decisions relating to influencers

Please see attached decisions of NCRTV which have not yet been published, as are not yet signed by the President.